lakhs, the actual expenditure has been only Rs. 101·91 lakhs. The important variations in the actuals as compared with the budget estimates are given in separate tables in the Explanatory Memorandum of the Finance Member. The more important increases under revenue are; Rs. 1·78 lakhs under "Customs"; Rs. 99,000 under "Interest"; and Rs. 1·57 lakhs under "Income Tax." Out of the realised surplus of Rs. 8·32 lakhs, a sum of Rs. 6·50 lakhs has been transferred to the Revenue Reserve Fund, thus leaving the actual surplus at Rs. 1·82 lakhs.

REVISED ESTIMATE FOR 1115 M.E.

3. For the current year we budgetted for a revenue of Rs. 107·95 lakhs, while the revised estimate shows that the revenue anticipated will be Rs. 111·87 lakhs. As against the budgetted expenditure of Rs. 102·89 lakhs, the revised estimate of expenditure will be Rs. 104 lakhs. It will thus be seen that, while we anticipated a surplus of Rs. 5·06 lakhs at the time of the preparation of the budget, we now expect that in the current year there would be a surplus of Rs. 7·87 lakhs. If you examine the statements showing the variations in revenue, you will find that, while there has been a decrease of Rs. 1·22 lakhs under "Stamps," there have been increases under various heads, chief of them being Rs. 1 lakh under "Customs," Rs. 1 lakh under "Income Tax," and Rs. 85,000 under "Interest." On the expenditure side, the revised estimate provides for Rs. 1 lakh, being the amount contributed by the State for the war. If you deduct this amount it will be found that the revised estimate of expenditure is Rs. 103 lakhs as against the budgetted estimate of Rs. 102·89 lakhs. In other words, the revised estimate of expenditure will be almost the same as the budgetted estimate. This is a clear evidence not merely of careful budgetting, but of the rigid control that is exercised over expenditure in every department.

BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 1116 M.E.

4. For the ensuing year we have budgetted for a revenue of Rs. 114·50 lakhs and an expenditure of Rs. 108·97 lakhs, thus leaving a surplus of Rs. 5·53 lakhs. The total anticipated revenue includes an appropriation of Rs. 3·25 lakhs from the Revenue Reserve Fund, and, if this sum is deducted, the ordinary revenue of the State for the next year will be Rs. 111·25 lakhs. It would be found that this is the highest figure of revenue reached so far in the finances of the State. As compared with the revised estimate for the current year, we

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expect during the next year an increase of Rs. 1·26 lakhs under "Customs," Rs. 33,000 under "Stamps," Rs. 36,000 under "Stationery and Printing" and Rs. 47,000 under "Railway." An analysis of the expenditure will disclose that a liberal policy has been followed regarding the allotment of funds to the social service departments. The expenditure under the Medical department is Rs. 1·03 lakhs more than the revised estimate, and under the Education department there is an increase of Rs. 41,000. In addition to these, there is a provision of Rs. 1·50 lakhs for the improvement of school buildings and Rs. 75,000 for improvements in the buildings and equipments of our hospitals and dispensaries. Out of the special contribution of Rs. 1 lakh for rural development, the Minister has allotted Rs. 62,500 for Panchayats and Rs. 35,500 for the other departments under him, leaving a reserve of Rs. 2,000 for unexpected works. In the course of the budget discussion the Minister will give a more detailed account of the way in which the special grant for rural development has been spent during the last year and his programme for the coming years.

REVENUE RESERVE FUND

5. It might be remembered that the nucleus of the Revenue Reserve Fund was created by a transfer of Rs. 4·50 lakhs from the realised surplus of 1113 M. E. In 1114 we transferred Rs. 6·50 lakhs to this fund. The total assets under the fund thus amounted to Rs. 11 lakhs. In 1115 and 1116 there are appropriations amounting to Rs. 2 lakhs for rural development work and Rs. 2·25 lakhs for school and hospital buildings. The balance in the fund at the end of next year will be Rs. 6·75 lakhs. I hope that it will be possible to increase the size of this fund by further appropriations from the realised surplus of the current year. This fund was created with the object of providing a reserve from which we can draw for special items of work under the social service departments and which will also afford a reserve in lean years. In view of the disturbed conditions that prevail all over the world, it might happen that there might be considerable fluctuations in our revenues. At such times the amounts available in the Revenue Reserve Fund will help us in carrying on our normal activities without unduly restricting the essential demands. In the course of my visit to the various parts of the State, I have found that the condition of school and hospital buildings in many places is, indeed, very bad. In certain schools, classes are being held under thatched roofs. In other schools there is

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